Commission's Report on Development of Bio-fuel. For this purpose, a Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been submitted for the "in-principle approval" of the Planning Commission. The DPR proposed a Demonstration Project for promotion of Jatropha cultivation in forest and non-forest areas (2.00 lakh ha non-forest lands and 2.00 lakh ha forest lands), especially in wastelands, over a period of 5 years.

(c) After stabilization of yield, the seed from the 4 lakh ha Jatropha plantations is expected to produce about 4 lakh tons of bio-diesel per year as an alternative to petroleum diesel.

(d) Under the Bio-Diesel Purchase Policy announced by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas on 9th October 2005, with effect from 1.1.2006, the public sector oil marketing companies will purchase bio-diesel at a uniform price of Rs. 25 per litre, which meets the fuel quality standard prescribed by the Bureau of Industrial Standards (BIS) specification formulated *vide* PCD3(2242)C dated 26.7.2004. The uniform price once fixed shall be in operation for six months, at the end of which it would be reviewed. At present, the public sector oil companies have no plan to promote Jatropha plantation through subsidies and loans on their own.

Neglect of Orissa under NREGS

114. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a gross neglect of Orissa under the National Rural Employment Guarantee scheme;

(b) whether it is also a fact that despite earmarking 29 backward districts of Orissa by the Planning Commission, the Centre has included only 18 districts for implementation of the programme; and

(c) if so, the reasons for this gross neglect when the most-backward State with the lowest per capita income in the country deserves the most?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) The National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 was notified in the Gazette of India on 7th September, 2005 and has so far not been launched in any

of the States in the country. The process of identification of districts where the Act is to be implemented has so far not been completed by the Planning Commission.

(c) Question does not arise.

Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana

115. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B. J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Centre's biggest road project, the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) has hit a mega speed breaker in **a** number of States countrywide and the roads are ridden with potholes/ pitfalls;

(b) if so, what is plaguing the system;

(c) what is the position of outcome budget of this project; and

(d) what is the status of Orissa and what is the action plan of the Government to help the State to overcome the impediments/obstacles coming in the way of speedy implementation of the project in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (d) The target and achievement of first two Quarters of 2005-06 of outcome budaet are:

Quarter	Habitations/Road Length	Target	Achievement
1st Quarter	Habitations (in number)	2220	2461
	Road Length (in Km)	4995	6927
2nd Quarter	Habitations (in number)	1481	1567
	Road Length (in Km)	3200	3697

Status in respect of PMGSY in Orissa is as under-

	Total up to Phase IV
No. of Road works approved	2140
No. of Road works completed	1402